

Statewide
POLICY

1. **AUTHORITY**

The Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) shall develop, implement and maintain a coordinated statewide plan for information technology (A.R.S. § 41-3504(A (1))), including, the formulation of policies to effectuate the purposes of the agency (A.R.S. § 41-3504(A (13))).

2. **PURPOSE**

The policy establishes the following:

State agencies shall develop, acquire and/or implement computer hardware systems, software systems, application systems, operating systems, security systems and networking systems that are of quality and cost effective, which will support the following statewide environment:

- A. Open Architecture
- B. Interoperability
- C. Portability
- D. Scalability
- E. Internet/Intranet and Extranet capabilities.
- F. Technologies that will enhance agency services and operational capacities.
- G. Technologies that will improve productivity and performance.
- H. Technologies that will improve public service.

3. **SCOPE**

This applies to all budget units. Budget unit is defined as a department, commission, board, institution or other agency of the state organization receiving, expending or disbursing state funds or incurring obligations of the state including the board of regents and the state board of directors for community colleges but excluding the universities under the jurisdiction of the board of regents and the community colleges under their respective jurisdictions and the legislative or judicial branches. A.R.S. § 41-3501(2).

4. **DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

Refer to the PSP Glossary of Terms for definitions and abbreviations.

5. **REFERENCES**

5.1. Developmental

5.1.1. A. R. S. § 41-3501, “Definitions”.

5.1.2. A. R. S. § 41-3504, “Powers and Duties of the Agency”.

5.1.3. A. R. S. § 41-3521 “Information Technology Authorization Committee; members; terms; duties; compensation; definition”.

5.1.4. Arizona Administrative Code, Title 2, Chapter 18.

6. **ATTACHMENTS**

None